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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADPC

SUBJECT: CIA Reorganization

- REFERENCES:
- (a) Memo to DCI dated 31 Aug. 1949 from ADPC and ADSO transmitting proposed organization for Office to conduct clandestine operations.
  - (b) Top Secret document No. 23546, dated 15 Aug. 1949, from the Executive, CIA, relating to functions of the Office to conduct clandestine operations.

(c)

ENCLOSURE: A. Draft of memo to DCI on subject of CIA reorganization.

1. At the request of the Executive, CIA, ADSO and ADPC submitted reference (a) recommending an organization to conduct clandestine operations. One of the basic principles recommended for the consolidation of OSO and OPC and the [redacted] was that the new Office should be a self-sufficient operating unit. This principle requires that the support services essential to the conduct of covert operations be placed under the control of the Chief of the proposed new Office. This principle was apparently recognized by reference (b) in its definition of the functions of Support Staff I (Services Support).

2. [redacted] and [redacted] were issued on 20 September 1949, to become effective 1 October without, insofar as is known, any prior consultation with ADPC or ADSO. These documents, inter alia, provide for two changes of real importance to OPC:

a. The CIA Executive is placed in the direct chain of command and made the channel of communication to the Deputy Director and the Director of CIA. This does not bar the Assistant Directors from "appropriate direct discussions in connection with - - - certain operational matters which do not by their nature require prior CIA staff coordination,

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review and recommendations." Nevertheless, it apparently limits future contacts with the Director by Assistant Directors to "discussions" and bars any such contacts by other personnel. It thus appears that the Executive may exercise control over both policy and procedure on all matters: substantive, operational, organizational, and administrative.

b. A Covert Support Staff is established, responsible to the Executive, CIA, to accomplish personnel, fiscal and service functions for the covert offices. We have been unofficially informed that this organizational arrangement will continue after the consolidation of OPC and OSO, and that the present OPC staff positions for personnel, finance and services will be transferred to the new Covert Support Staff.

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a. ADPC discuss the matter with ADSO.

b. ADPC and ADSO sign a joint statement similar to Enclosure A.

c. Since Enclosure A does not touch on point 2 a above (the Executive's function), ADPC and ADSO arrange a joint conference with the Director to clarify the Executive's control over policy and operational matters.

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AREA OR COUNTRY(S)	ORGANIZATION	FUNCTIONS & TOPICS	PERSONALITIES	DOCUMENT
HQ	CIA	Organization		DATE: 23 Sep 1949
	OPC	Support		CLASS.: S NO.: LOCATION: HS/CSG-1763 ✓
	OSO	Merger		
	DDA			
	DDP			
IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENT (author, form, addressee, title & length)				
Memo from [redacted], Executive Officer (OPC), to ADPC. Subject: "CIA Reorganization."				

**ABSTRACT**

Feels [redacted] and [redacted] which were issued without prior consultation with ADPC or ADSO (as far as is known) provide for two changes of real importance to OPC: (a) putting the CIA Executive in direct chain of command and in the channel of communications to

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